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DRY BEAN PRODUCTION HIGHER

IN 32 COUNTRIES

The 1970 dry bean production in 32 reporting countries is estimated at 126 million hundredweight (cwt.), 11.2 percent above the revised estimate of 112 million cwt. produced in 1969. Excluding Mexico and Brazil, both of which forecast increases, the total for the other 30 countries is only slightly higher than the previous year's.

Canada, an important producer and exporter of navy beans, reports production at 1.1 million cwt., down 5 percent from the 1.2 million in 1969. The U. S. estimate of 17.4 million reflects a decrease of 8 percent from the 18.9 million cwt. produced the previous year. Navy (pea) beans, the largest class, declined 27 percent, while pintos, the second largest class, increased 18 percent.

All South American countries reported higher production in 1970 but the major increases were in Argentina -- 49 percent over the previous year -- and in Brazil, where the forecast of 48.5 million cwt. is 22 percent larger than the revised estimate of 39.7 million for 1969.

European production is only slightly higher than in 1969, with France and Greece showing the major increases, while Yugoslavia reports a 6 percent decrease.

Japan's production of 2.6 million cwt. of kidney beans, compared with 2.2 million in 1969, accounts for the increase in Asian production. Estimated production in the three African countries is about the same as in previous years.

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BEANS, DRY EDIBLE : Production in specified countries, 1966-1970

Continent and country	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970 ^{2/}
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
North America:					
Canada	1,759	861	973	1,171	1,114
Costa Rica	145	92	130	86	160
Dominican Republic	639	507	441	573	705
El Salvador	341	385	469	580	661
Guatemala	883	1,521	1,521	1,268	1,622
Honduras	1,084	1,114	1,217	1,217	1,420
Mexico	22,084	22,227	23,286	18,364	22,046
Nicaragua	925	970	985	1,014	1,058
Panama	154	130	111	108	108
United States	19,962	15,177	17,389	18,894	17,385
Total	47,976	42,984	46,522	43,275	46,279
South America:					
Argentina	657	602	505	703	1,049
Brazil	47,357	56,296	53,344	39,683	48,500
Chile	2,068	1,979	1,499	1,058	1,146
Colombia	1,102	1,179	1,433	1,235	1,499
Peru	1,396	1,621	1,301	1,433	1,543
Venezuela	1,038	1,112	1,301	1,213	1,400
Total	53,618	62,789	59,383	45,325	55,137
Europe:					
EC:					
Belgium-Luxembourg	29	48	23	28	31
France	1,442	985	1,204	966	1,177
Germany, West	69	71	54	60	64
Italy	3,691	3,836	3,651	3,651	3,860
Netherlands	171	293	119	154	251
Total EC	5,402	5,233	5,051	4,859	5,383
Greece	1,383	1,475	1,324	1,234	1,439
Portugal	1,275	1,093	1,102	1,124	1,080
Spain	2,734	2,557	2,623	2,381	2,425
Sweden	53	34	55	22	37
Yugoslavia	4,762	4,387	3,858	4,228	3,968
Total Europe	15,609	14,779	14,013	13,848	14,332
Asia:					
Iran	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Japan	1,784	2,641	2,310	2,196	2,568
Turkey	3,042	3,120	3,020	3,086	3,020
Total	6,126	7,161	6,730	6,682	6,988
Africa:					
Angola	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Malagasy Republic	860	1,091	860	926	925
South Africa, Rep. of	840	838	1,110	924	948
Total	3,100	3,329	3,370	3,250	3,273
Grand total	126,429	131,042	130,048	112,380	126,009

^{1/} Includes generally all beans of the species "phaseolus vulgaris" (haricot or kidney-shaped beans) and "phaseolus lunatus" (lima beans). ^{2/} Preliminary.

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